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Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following paragraphs after after third paragraph on page 7.

- Figure 9b shows a diode Dd in series with a resistor r, the anode of the diode Dd being connected, in the converter circuit, to the cathode of the diode Sc_i.

- Figure 9c, shows the impedance Z_i comprising the diode Dd in series with a zener diode Dz, the two cathodes of the diode Dd and the zener diode Dz being connected together, the anode of the diode Dd being connected, in the converter circuit, to the cathode of the diode Sc_i.